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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**[RTID 0648-XA555]**

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits and permit modifications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits and permit modifications have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to [NMFS.PrIComments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.PrIComments@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 23932), Amy Hapeman (Permit Nos. 18238-03, 21111-02, and 23639), Erin Markin (Permit Nos. 23683, 23850, and 23851), Jordan Rutland (Permit No. 23310), and Sara Young (Permit No. 23188); at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit modification had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 -- Issued Permits and Permit Modifications**

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> Notice	Issuance Date
18238-03	0648-XA264	NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla, Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 (Responsible Party: Robin LeRoux)	85 FR 40971; July 8, 2020	September 18, 2020
21111-02	0648-XA237	NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla, Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 (Responsible Party: Robin LeRoux)	85 FR 37433; June 22, 2020	September 18, 2020
23188	0648-XR092	Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California at Santa Cruz, 130 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Responsible Party: Daniel Costa, Ph.D.)	85 FR 31747; May 27, 2020	September 25, 2020
23310	0648-XA074	Patricia Fair, Ph.D., South Carolina Aquarium, 100 Aquarium Wharf, Charleston, SC, 29401	85 FR 14468; March 12, 2020	September 15, 2020
23639	0648-XA264	Coonamessett Farm Foundation, Inc., 277 Hatchville Road, East Falmouth, MA 02536, (Responsible Party: Ronald Smolowitz)	85 FR 40971; July 8, 2020	September 25, 2020
23683	0648-XA237	Guam Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, 163 Dairy Road, Mangilao, Guam 96913, (Responsible Party: Jay Gutierrez)	85 FR 37433; June 22, 2020	September 25, 2020
23850	0648-XA264	Shigetomo Hiram, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 1105 S.W. Williston Road, Gainesville, FL 32601	85 FR 40971; July 8, 2020	September 25, 2020
23851	0648-XA237	Michael Arendt, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Marine Resources, 217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412	85 FR 37433; June 22, 2020	September 25, 2020
23932	0648-XA287 and 0648-XA321	New York Genome Center, 101 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, NY 10013 (Responsible Party: Catherine Reeves)	85 FR 43818; July 20, 2020 and 85 FR 47187; August 4, 2020 (Correction)	September 2, 2020

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.

4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are

categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**Authority:** The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: October 5, 2020.

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